(c) The Indian industry has been defending the Anti-dumping and Countervailing cases initiated against the import of steel plates. The Government has been supporting the cause of Indian exporters and has taken up the matter with these countries at various forums.

Facility of Free Movement to the Specialists

† 1553. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to hold talks in World Trade Organization on the issue of providing facility of free movement to the Specialists in the world;

(b) if so Government's plan in this regard;

(c) whether Government have talked to other countries also to persuade WTO to agree on this issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (b) Mandated negotiations in Services have commence this year in the WTO. These negotiations will cover all the four modes in which trade in services take place, including Mode 4 relating to movement of natural persons. The free movement of specialists is also covered under Mode 4. These negotiations are still at a preliminary stage. India will push for further liberalization in Mode 4 especially for professionals and specialists. The Permanent Mission of India to the WTO, based in Geneva, is in regular touch with the delegations of other countries on this issue.

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1554. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

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